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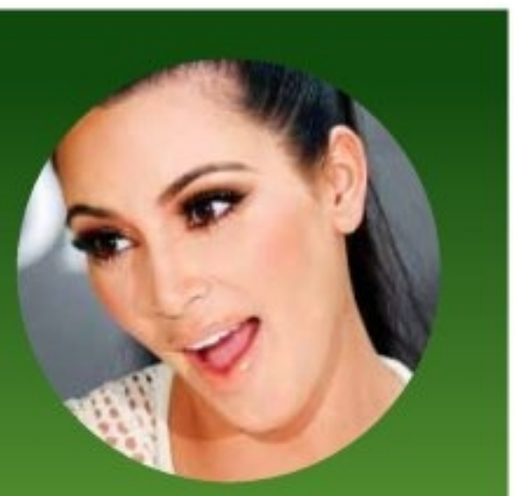

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What a year! Top New York stories of 2011

From Occupy Wall Street to a poisonous cobra on the loose to that earthquake, here are the stories that grabbed Gotham's attention in 2011

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▶ Same-sex couple Mishan Moore, left, 39, wipes a tear as her partner Jacqueline Rodriguez, 34, looks on during their wedding ceremony at Queens Borough Hall in New York on July 24, 2011.

▶ **Occupy Wall Street:** The movement officially began on Sept. 17, when protesters began twice-daily marches to Wall Street. Their base at Zuccotti Park rapidly turned into a carefully organized home, with lines of tents and separate places for medical care, a library and even a women-only tent after reports of sexual attacks surfaced. Cops raided the park on Nov. 15, forcing demonstrators to quiet down, but OWS is vowing a springtime return. Love them or hate them, OWS protesters sparked conversation nationwide with their attempt to raise awareness of economic inequality throughout the U.S. and the world.

▶ **Dominique Strauss-Kahn:** DSK became a household nickname after the former head of the International Monetary Fund was arrested in May for allegedly trying to rape a maid at the tony Sofitel hotel in Midtown. Strauss-Kahn was charged with attempted rape; his lawyers professed his innocence while implying any sex would have been consensual.

The Manhattan district attorney's office eventually dropped the charges in August, citing inconsistencies in the maid's testimony that they said made it impossible to proceed. DSK left the country for France in September and the maid is continuing her civil lawsuit against him.

▶ **Gay marriage:** June was an ebullient month for same-sex couples and their supporters in New York state, when legislators passed a bill legalizing gay marriage. Gov. Andrew Cuomo promptly signed the legislation, making good on a campaign promise.

On July 24 — the first day gay marriage was officially legal — couples swarmed city clerk's offices in the five boroughs; 659 couples applied for marriage licenses on that day.

But some are still fighting the legislation — a judge ruled in November that a lawsuit, filed by New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms, could proceed.

▶ **"Rape cop" charges dismissed:** This summer, the phrase "rape cops" was ingrained in local reporting, as two NYPD officers faced charges of rape.

An East Village woman accused Kenneth Moreno of raping her as his partner, Franklin Mata, stood by in an adjacent room. The woman said the two cops were called after she was too drunk to get into her apartment on her own.

Moreno and Mata contend that no sexual acts happened, but did admit to cuddling the woman while she was wearing nothing but a bra. Both were acquitted of the rape charges, but convicted of official misconduct.

After the two were kicked off the police force, Moreno was sentenced to one year in jail, and Mata to two months. Both are appealing the sentences.

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Tragic crime

Murder that stunned city

▶ **Murder of Leiby Kletzky:** New Yorkers were saddened when the story of little Leiby Kletzky hit the front pages. Kletzky, 8, disappeared while walking home in Brooklyn in July. Neighbors immediately began searching for him, and his dismembered body was eventually found in the freezer of Levi Aron, a local man who was charged with his murder.

Aron, whose attorneys say is mentally ill, reportedly encountered the boy as he was lost while walking home. He told cops he panicked and killed him after seeing signs about his disappearance. The story shocked not only Borough Park's close-knit Hasidic community, but all New Yorkers.

Wasn't it tweet?

Best to follow

Here are some of our favorite new Twitter handles created in the past year:

1 @ElBloombito
The faux Twitter handle helmed by an Inwood stay-at-home mom pokes fun of Mayor Michael Bloomberg's broken Spanish. Hey, he's trying! *"Bonus afternoon tardes! Enjoyado el bueno dayo at un parkado! Rido el bicyclado! Walko su perro y picko up los poopador!"*

2 @BronxZoosCobra
When a venomous, adolescent Egyptian cobra went missing from the Bronx Zoo, no one thought she was just hiding out on Twitter.
"Rise & slither. #snakeonthetown"

Editor's note

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2011: Mother Nature roared

A quake and a 'cane

New York had its share of natural disasters in August, when an earthquake and a hurricane struck the city within mere weeks of each other.

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▶ A flooded street on Coney Island after Hurricane Irene hit.

The earthquake hit on Aug. 23, when a 5.8 magnitude tremblor struck in Virginia and rolled along the East Coast. Office workers here in Manhattan fled their buildings, many unsure of how to respond to an earthquake. This was reportedly the first quake of such power in more than 100 years ago.

Less than two weeks later, Hurricane Irene swirled toward the East Coast. In an effort to minimize damage, areas like Red Hook and Battery Park City were ordered to evacuate, and the New York City subway was pre-emptively closed down, the first time the MTA had ever done so.

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GOOD, BAD AND

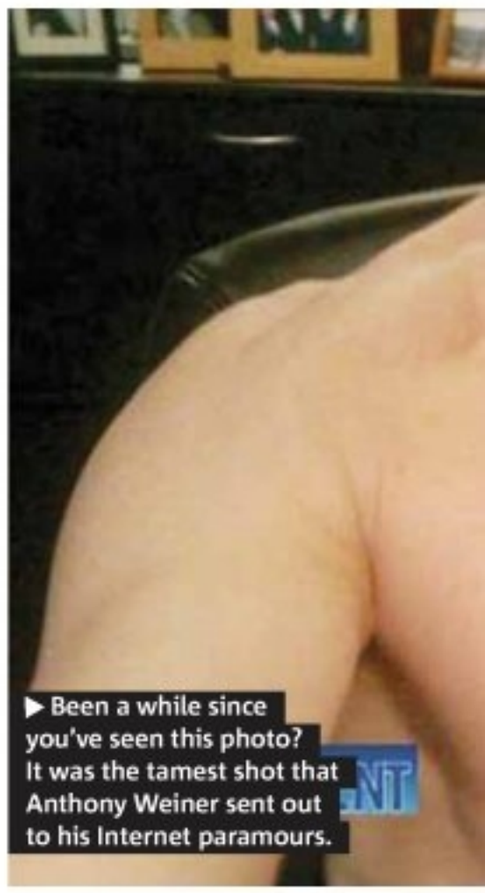
For some, 2011 was a time to bask in all their glory ◗ For others, we're sure 2012 can't come soon enough ◗ Here's our roundup of the winners and losers of the past 365 days

Gov. Andrew Cuomo
Political scion Gov. Andrew Cuomo kept his promise to make gay marriage a reality and also managed to give the middle class a bit of a tax break. Some now say he'll be waving that rainbow flag all the way to the White House.

Christine Quinn
The City Council Speaker rose to the head of the pack in the 2013 race to become New York's next mayor, after controversy ensnared two of her top competitors, Comptroller John Liu and ex-Congressman Anthony Weiner.

Louis C.K.
For years Louis C.K., whose hit show "Louie" films in Manhattan, has toiled on the edges of mainstream fame. But in 2011, Louis made the leap into a bona fide star with his candid takes on sex and death charming fans nationwide.

Queens couple Cristina Ojeda and Monica Alcota
After a lengthy legal battle, the U.S. government dropped a deportation case against an Argentine immigrant who lives in Queens with her U.S.-born wife. Monica Alcota and Cristina Ojeda fought against the controversial Defense of Marriage Act, which can prevent giving a spouse in a same-sex marriage the same protections as one in a straight marriage. It wasn't until early December that the couple learned they would no longer live in fear of being separated.



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Ex-Congressman Anthony Weiner
It was a story perfect for the tabloids: Queens Congressman Anthony Weiner was exposed for sending out photos of his bulging boxers to women via Twitter. He laughed it off for days, claiming he'd been pranked, but the increasing number of women who went public with tales of Weiner's skeevy online lust became impossible to ignore. Weiner tearfully confessed in an awkward press conference and resigned from his elected seat — later, reporters discovered his wife, Huma Abedin, was pregnant with their first child, Jordan Zane, born last week.

Cathie Black
The publisher-turned-educator did her best not to embarrass herself or Mayor Michael Bloomberg during her brief tenure as New York City Schools Chancellor. Black only made it 95 days before resigning amid unrelenting controversy. Our favorite "Black-buster" has to be her solution to overcrowding in classrooms: "Could we just have some birth control for a while?" How about some Cathie control? A few weeks after she quit, Black popped back into the headlines yet again, when she shot down rumors that she was drunk when she plowed into a tree while at a party in the Hamptons.

Comptroller John Liu
Liu all but kissed his dream to become New York City's next mayor goodbye when it came to light that his 2009 campaign for city comptroller was shrouded in allegations of financial abnormalities. Liu is currently the subject of an ongoing federal probe into his fundraising. So no, don't bet on him stepping into Bloomberg's shoes any time soon.

Runner-up!

Manhattan DA Cyrus Vance saw two major sex assault cases blow up in his face: DSK and the acquitted "rape cops."

Sharif El-Gamal
The controversy has died down, but we're still waiting for some progress to be made on Park51, the planned Muslim community center in the heart of Lower Manhattan. This year, mosque developer Sharif El-Gamal was slammed as a slumlord by tenants at a 14-unit building he owns on West 151st Street. El-Gamal also apparently owes the city more than $60,000 in unpaid fees, fines and taxes on that same property. The news comes on top of a claim from Con Edison that El-Gamal, who's facing five civil lawsuits, owes them $1.7 million in back rent for 51 Park Place.

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Person of the Year: Steve Jobs

You asked for it, you got it: The man behind the iPhone and iPad named 2011's most influential person Occupy protesters were right behind him

Steve Jobs, the co-founder of Apple who died in October after a long battle with cancer, has been named Person of the Year for 2011 by Metro's readers.

In a close second place came the Occupy movement — namely, the 99 percent.

In the three years of this Metro event, voting has never been as high or as competitive. Until the final day of voting, on Dec. 22, the two nominees were running neck and neck.

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MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR
2011

▶ Occupiers got arrested.

In the end, it came down to a difference of 25 votes, from the thousands cast by Metro readers.

What clinched it for Steve Jobs, perhaps, was the feeling that his work changed the world forever, while the Occupy protests have dominated the headlines for only months.

As one reader, Eric Burger, put it: "Without the inventions of the iPhone, iPad, Occupy wouldn't have gotten off the ground. Steve Jobs changed lives to be simpler and more pleasant."

The Occupy movement dominated the early stages of voting, but the last five days saw a surge in support for Steve Jobs.

As another reader, Terrence of Cambridge, Mass., said: "Occupy will be back. What they expressed changed the terms of political debate in our country — but will it be forever? Steve Jobs changed the world in so many ways, for always. Steve Jobs — it had to be you." METRO

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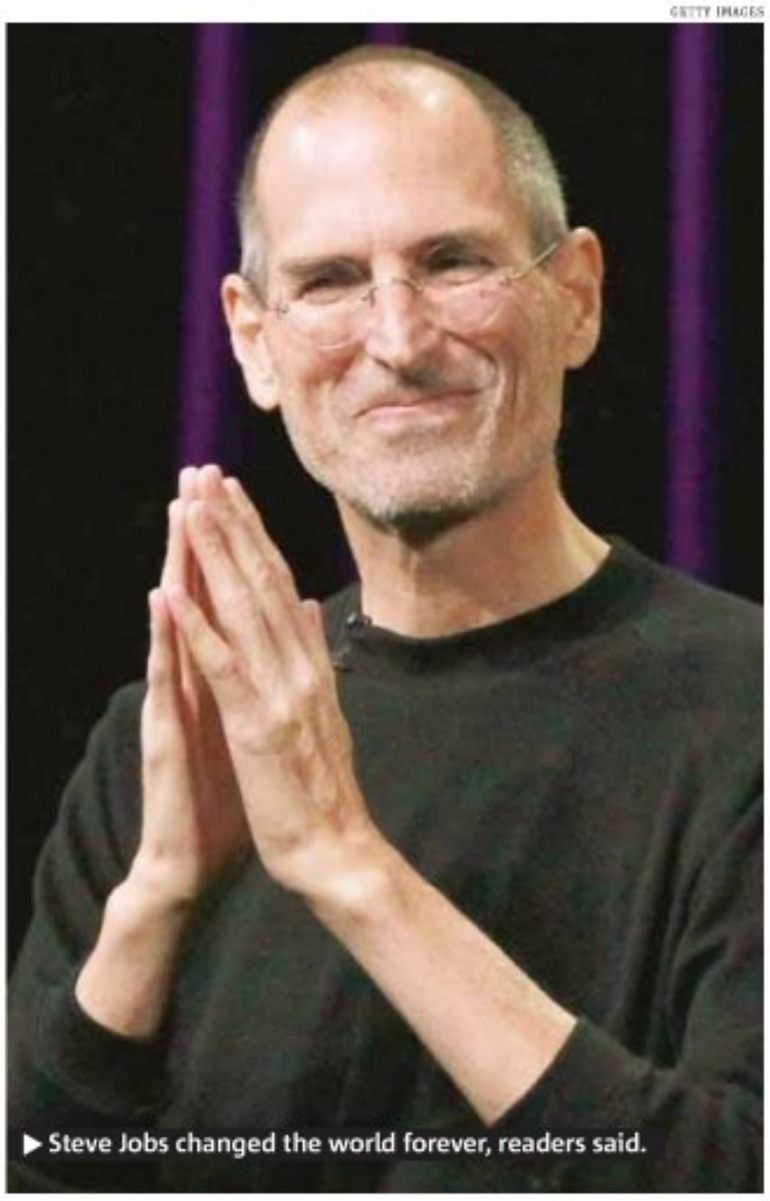
▶ Steve Jobs changed the world forever, readers said.

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Ends (of an era?)

Among the many deaths of 2011, Osama bin Laden, Iraq War top list Libya, Japan each struggled as well

1 OSAMA + IRAQ WAR

▶ Bin Laden's death was celebrated with street parties, the Iraq War with a collective shrug of the shoulders.

If the 1960s ended with Altamont and the '90s ended on 9/11, then you could make the case that the '00s didn't fully come to a close until this year, when two of the events that best defined that decade — the Iraq War and the hunt for Osama bin Laden — drew to an end. Fittingly for the end of an era marked by disappointment and fear, both ended on something of an anticlimax: Bin Laden was found hiding not in some supervillain's lair but in suburban Pakistan, while the Iraq War finished not with a dramatic victory but with a slow, months-long drawing-down process.

2 Libya, Gaddafi

Only in Libya did the global Arab Spring erupt into a full-fledged civil war. The uprising against strongman Muammar Gaddafi — a thorn in the U.S.'s side for four decades — put America in a curious position: How to assist the rebels in overthrowing Gaddafi without becoming embroiled in a third Mideast quagmire? In the end, the Obama administration elected to pursue a constitutionally-dubious air campaign against loyalist forces, gambling that the end of Gaddafi's 40-year reign would outweigh the means. With a lack of Vietnam- or even Iraq-style protests against the short war, the American people seemed to agree.

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3 Gabrielle Giffords, Norway shootings

In the wake of the attempted assassination of a congresswoman in January and a Norwegian murder spree in July, we jumped to easy conclusions, blaming inflammatory rhetoric and Islamic terrorists. The thought was almost comforting — if we just wiped out the causes, we could get rid of the effects. When the truth came out, it was more chilling: Both shootings were the random work of deranged schizophrenics. Only in the delusional minds of their perpetrators did the chain of cause-and-effect make any sense.

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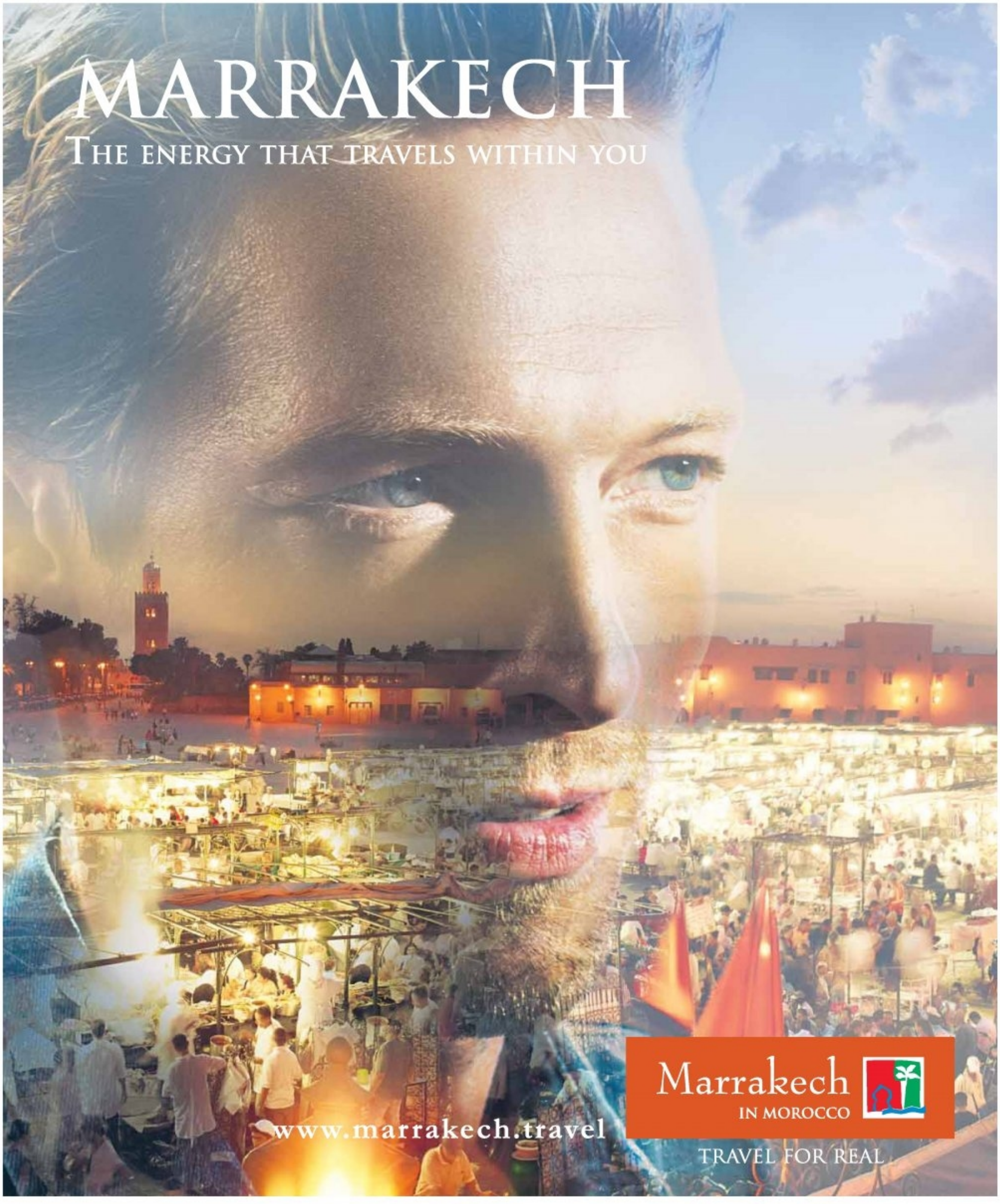
▶ Debris

4 Japan earthquake, nuclear fear

By the numbers: **8.9 magnitude** earthquake. **30-foot** tsunami. More than **18,000 killed**. Fukushima plant meltdown reached **Level 7** on the International Nuclear Event Sale. **100-1,000 future deaths** predicted after harmful radiation exposure in the area.

5 Steve Jobs dead

Under Steve Jobs' leadership, Apple's products felt like the future, but Jobs was something of a throwback: In an economy increasingly devoted to selling intangible "services," here was a man who actually made things. The grief felt upon his death — the sense that some great technocratic paradise was lost — was best summed up by The Onion: "Last American Who Knew What The F— He Was Doing Dies."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2011 passed with its fair share of bumps Metro recaps the bumpiest

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Egyptians faced down tanks, Americans took on banks and the GOP handed out spanks.

1 Arab Spring

For years, young people in the Middle East were a simmering cauldron of a demographic with no jobs, no voice and no hope for the future. That cauldron finally bubbled over in 2011 as massive anti-government protests took down dictators in Tunisia and Egypt, won reforms in Jordan, Oman and Yemen and inspired crackdowns in Bahrain and Syria.

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2 Occupy movement

Call them what you will — a theatrical stunt, a brave stand, a collective wail from an entitled generation — but at the very least, this fall's Occupy Wall Street protests succeeded in turning America's rising income inequality into a legitimate political issue.

3 EU fiscal crisis

After the financial crisis brought the so-called PIIGS countries (Portugal, Ireland, Italy, Greece and Spain) to the brink of bankruptcy, a continent-wide split emerged between poor countries angered at harsh austerity measures and rich countries upset at footing the bill for their irresponsible neighbors.

4 Casey Anthony trial

Every news cycle needs its sideshows, and none grabbed the attention this year quite like the trial of accused child-killer Casey Anthony. The case fit so well into a predetermined narrative — woman accused of killing kid, media turns on woman, woman alleges sexual abuse in her past — that the entire thing seemed made to air on Court TV. By the day of the verdict, as Anthony was declared not guilty and Nancy Grace took to the airwaves to declare that the devil was dancing, it was as if everyone involved was playing out predetermined roles that would be repeated until the end of time.

5 Debt ceiling

Republicans threatened to let the U.S. government default on its national debt rather than raise the debt ceiling as per usual. The game of chicken ended with both parties agreeing to broad budget cuts, but in the ultimate instance of Beltway disfunction the bipartisan "supercommittee" chosen to work out the details announced it had failed at its only goal.

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Mother of victim criticizes LI cops

LONG ISLAND. Shannan Gilbert's mother said she wants the FBI, not Long Island police, investigating her daughter's death.

Mari Gilbert called local police "clownish" and ridiculed their idea that she accidentally drowned.

Gilbert thinks her daughter, whose body was found in a marsh in Oak Beach, was likely slain by a serial killer, and she wants the FBI to investigate. Meanwhile, Suffolk

County police cling to their theory that, even though they suspect all 10 other victims were killed by serial killers, they think Gilbert's death was accidental.

"The investigation that's taken place so far is comparable to something you'd find in Podunk County," said Gilbert's lawyer, John Ray.

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Murderer continues to haunt LI beaches

More than 11 victims disposed on or near Gilgo Beach ◗ One killer or two? ◗ Suffolk County Police and DA divided on theories ◗ Body of first missing woman finally found

▶ Police combed Long Island beaches in March.

The story behind the grisly discoveries of human remains along the coast of Long Island remains a mystery more than a year after police discovered the first body. Eleven victims have been uncovered on or near Gilgo Beach, but Suffolk County Police have yet to name a suspect.

It was over the past year, as police searched the beaches for signs of missing prostitute Shannan Gilbert, that they uncovered the remains of 10 people. Eight women, one man and the remains of a baby have all been unearthed.

Though Gilbert's jewelry turned up during a routine search earlier this month, her remains weren't found until Dec. 12, when investigators were able to scour an area previously underwater.

The cause of Gilbert's death has not yet been determined. Though Suffolk County Police Commissioner Richard Dormer maintains it was an accident, her family remains convinced she was a victim of the serial killer suspected to be behind the other deaths. Police insist certain details rule out murder.

"From the 911 call, we determined she was disoriented, confused, not rational and paranoid," a Suffolk County police spokesman told Metro. "There is a good possibility that she ran into the marshy area and drowned."

Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said Dec. 16 that he believes there's more than one killer behind the murders. Dormer, however, has said he thinks there is only one killer at work. The police spokesman would not comment in response to Spota's theory.

Photos of jewelry and sketches of several victims were released to the public in September, but police have been consistently tight-lipped about the case.

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2011 in review

Finding our Top 5 picks

Every December, Metro's Features staffers compile their Top 5 lists, choosing the best in pop culture moments, film, television and music. We average out those selections to come up with the "official" Metro picks for the best of the year — and then fight over each other's choices. How do your favorites add up to ours? Let us know at letters@metro.us.

5 Biggest moments in pop culture

Kim Kardashian steals the spotlight But the royals will have a more lasting impact — not just a longer marriage

Editors' panel

It's a sad state of affairs when a spoiled sitcom actor and somebody who doesn't even deserve to be famous gets more attention for throwing an Internet hissy fit (Sheen) and divorcing some dude (Kardashian), than a gifted singer who left this mortal coil too early. If only **Amy Winehouse** had tiger blood. **PAT HEALY, MUSIC EDITOR**

Tuck this little thought in your pocket: Once upon a time, we didn't think pop culture would ever be (nearly) rid of **Paris Hilton**, either. **AMBER RAY, FEATURES EDITOR**

Amy Winehouse is tragic — yes, tragic: Bring it on, "There are wars we should be paying attention to" crowd — and makes me a little wary of talking about anyone else on this list. She obviously had some bigger demons, and even after this was obvious she was an easy gossip target. **MONICA WEYMOUTH, ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR**

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Winehouse's death created major buzz in 2011.

I would argue that in the long run, it's **Prince William** and **Kate Middleton** that will end up having the most far-reaching impact on pop culture. Just recently on "Saturday Night Live," there was a sketch about Kate and **Pippa Middleton**, even though there's been nothing newsworthy about them in months. It just shows how much deeper their impact will be felt. **HEIDI PATALANO, FILM EDITOR**

Kim Kardashian

Prince William and **Kate Middleton** kind of bore me. You can bet when **Prince Harry** gets married, some maid of honor with a slightly above-average rear won't steal the show. But is it just me, or are these sadder than in past years? We need to excommunicate **the Kardashians** ASAP so I can read gossip magazines in peace. **MW**

Re: **The Kardashians**. I guess I'm just shocked by how shocked I was at their "shocking" news of divorce. **DOROTHY ROBINSON, DEPUTY FEATURES EDITOR**

I just expected them to fake it for a solid 18 months like the rest of us normal, greedy, materialistic humans would do. And ... that's a wrap. I will not speak of these people for the remainder of 2011, so help me TMZ. **MW**

Metro's Top 5

1. Kim Kardashian gets married, then divorced, in the span of 72 days.
2. Charlie Sheen gets fired, unleashing the unknown power of tiger blood.
3. Amy Winehouse dies at the age of 27.
4. Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher call it quits.
5. Prince William marries Kate Middleton in a fairy-tale royal wedding.

The Word columnist Dorothy Robinson's Top 5

Dorothy's thoughts: The stories I like most are the ones with legs — ones we can keep writing about day after day. All of these in my Top 5 hit that prerequisite, especially the Kardashian wedding. I can't believe we all (Kim included) wasted so much time on that.

1. Prince William marries Kate Middleton.
2. Kim Kardashian gets married and divorced.
3. Charlie Sheen gets fired and goes crazy.
4. Amy Winehouse dies.
5. Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher split.

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2011 in music could have had it allllllll!

Editors' panel

▶ One thing I want to ask you all about **Adele**: Did you listen to "21" tons or just recognize it for its indisputable awesomeness? It's my No. 1 because it's f—ing great! But I probably only listened to the whole thing like 10 times. ● PH

▶ I don't think anyone would deny that she has a pretty wild voice, but I've never been able to listen to an entire **Adele** song, let alone her whole album. She's like Ambien for me: Really lovely for five minutes, but then there's the unsatisfying sleep and need to feel again and/or eat a bagel. ● MW

▶ You don't have to listen to the full **Adele** album — nearly every song is bound to be on the radio or a commercial or TV show or your "He Was A Jerk Any-way" playlist. ... And no complaints on that, either. ● AR

▶ Where's the love for my favorite pants-dropping party-rockers, **LMFAO**? ● MEREDITH ENGEL, FEATURES WRITER

▶ I think if it weren't for "Super Bass," I'd say **LMFAO** made the year's best dance tune. You know what's amazing though? Did anybody even list **Gaga**? Did we all leave her out because we thought it would've been a conflict of interest because she was a Metro editor for a day? Or was "Born This Way" just a big marketing push that we all forgot about when she wasn't on every medium of communication every day? ● PH

▶ I just can't understand why **Gaga** would go the Kardashian make-as-much-money-as-possible-while-people-still-seem-to-find-me-fascinating route. She's far beyond saturation right now. ... She used to be — and still could be, if she just takes a breather for a beat — so much more interesting and important than that. But in 2011, I'll remem- ber that pointless "A Very Gaga Thanksgiving" special more than her music. ● AR

▶ **PJ Harvey** just can't do any wrong. I don't know of anyone cooler (**Gaga** wishes she had one ounce of her originality). ● DR

▶ Odd that no one has even mentioned **Radiohead** either. They released an album called "King of Limbs" in 2011. Apparently they're not kings of lists. ● PH

▶ Regarding **Radiohead**, in college, I used to wait in line outside of Tower Records to buy their albums the night of their release and now I can't be bothered to even seek it out to illegally download it. Maybe with age I've just realized that if I have one Radiohead album, I kind of have them all? ● DR

▶ Just noticed the top four is all women! Was 2011 a banner year for ladies, or is it just because I'm the only dude contributing? ● PH

▶ It is strange. Where's the rock 'n' roll? ● DR

▶ The best male-centric indie pop acts out there are in between records. Don't worry, Pat. The guys normally run the show, and they'll be back. ● HP

▶ Or are all of the biggest male stars these days country, and a little off of our radar? Even the "American Idol" winner this year, **Scotty McCreery**, is a good ol' boy. And, of course, we've lost **Justin Timberlake**, who now thinks he's an actor — which is OK if he keeps it to "SNL." ● AR

Metro's Top 5

1 **Adele,** "21"

▶ PJ Harvey

2 **PJ Harvey,** "Let England Shake"

3 **Cults,** "Cults"

4 **The Dø,** "Both Ways Open Jaws"

5 **Deer Tick,** "Divine Providence"

▶ "Someone Like You"? It's more like there's no one like you, Adele!

Music editor Pat Healy's Top 5

▶ Cults

Pat's thoughts: It was hard to choose only five albums, which is a testament to how great 2011 was. Though they didn't make my list, singles like Nicki Minaj's "Super Bass" and Foster the People's "Pumped Up Kicks" were so undeniably big. What is so interesting about these songs is that "Kicks" originally surfaced online more than a year before it took off, and Minaj released her album in 2010, too. "Go Outside" by Cults — another 2011 fave — originally hit the Web in 2010. We could remember 2011's music as the year of delayed reaction if it wasn't for Adele. The reaction to her was immediate and unanimous.

1 **TIE: Adele,** "21" and **Cults,** "Cults"

2 **Deer Tick,** "Divine Providence"

3 **The Dø,** "Both Ways Open Jaws"

4 **Jay-Z & Kanye West,** "Watch the Throne"

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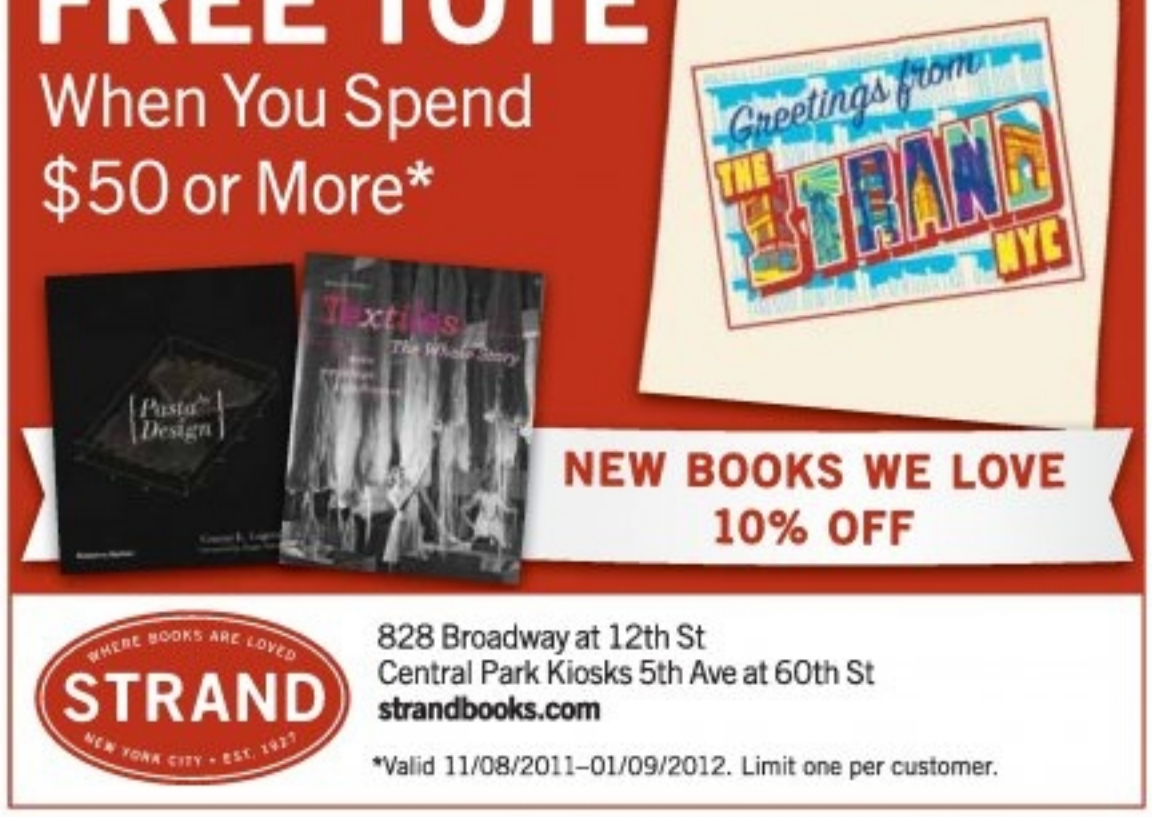

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5 Best television shows of 2011

Editors' panel

▶ Despite the sad lack of **Don Draper** this year, it's kind of cool that no new **"Mad Men"** episodes meant everyone had the opportunity to become obsessed with other shows, like **"Breaking Bad"** (**Bryan Cranston** is my hero). ● AR

▶ **"Breaking Bad"** has filled my **"Mad Men"** void nicely. It is so undisputedly well done that it feels like this stuff is happening to people you know, rather than on a show you watch. "Oh, man! Too bad my friend Walt got punched in the face at the bar the other night. Oh well. Keep cooking that meth, Walt! ...

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▶ Bryan Cranston, left, and Aaron Paul star in "Breaking Bad."

Wait I don't know these people personally!" ● PH

▶ I guess it's just comforting to know there's always meth distribution to fall back on in case this whole "writing" thing doesn't work out financially. ● DR

▶ I haven't watched **"Breaking Bad"** simply because I'm afraid it's too disturbing for me to handle. And I've seen every episode of **"The Sopranos"**! ● HP

▶ Can we talk about **Ron Swanson (Nick Offerman)** on **"Parks and Recreation"** for a second? Maybe it's because I work among writers and live among skinny musicians but ... does anyone else have a little crush? Maybe? Nevermind — forget this happened. ● MW

▶ No, you're onto something. For all the awful new shows that tried to be about "manly men" (**"Last Man Standing," "Man Up!"**), **Rob Swanson** could kick their asses with a simple look and mustache twitch. Then he'd whittle a wooden figure depicting his triumph in the battle. ● AR

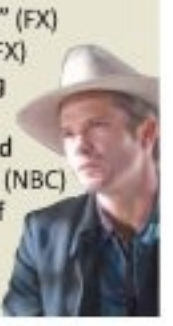
Metro's Top 5

1. "Parks and Recreation" (NBC)
2. "Breaking Bad" (AMC)
3. "Revenge" (ABC)
4. "New Girl" (Fox)
5. TIE: "The Walking Dead" (AMC); "Community" (NBC); "Justified" (FX)

TV editor Amber Ray's Top 5

Amber's thoughts: Nobody paints working-class characters quite so nuanced as "Justified" — look at Emmy-winner Margo Martindale's Mags Bennett. Besides, "apple pie" hasn't been given such a notorious connotation since "American Pie."

1. "Justified" (FX)
2. "Louie" (FX)
3. "Breaking Bad"(AMC)
4. "Parks and Recreation" (NBC)
5. "Game of Thrones" (HBO)



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5 Best films of 2011

Metro's Top 5

1. "Bridesmaids" (dir. Paul Feig)
2. "Midnight in Paris" (dir. Woody Allen)
3. "Shame" (dir. Steve McQueen)
4. "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" (dir. David Yates)
5. TIE: "Beginners" (dir. Mike Mills); "The Help" (dir. Tate Taylor); "Super 8" (dir. J.J. Abrams)

Editors' panel

▶ **"Bridesmaids"** was awesome. One thing I didn't like about it, though, was that **Kristen Wiig** played a baker. Women in romantic comedies play bakers like, 70 percent of the time. It's played out and perpetuates this strangely conventional idea of girliness. ● HP

▶ We're not the only ones who recognized the excellence of **"Bridesmaids"** — a (gasp!) comedy. SAG nominated it for its Ensemble Award, which is pretty much their Best Picture equivalent. It's nice to see an honest portrait of friendship among women — poop jokes and all — get some love. ● AR

▶ But really, the only thing

▶ The ladies of "Bridesmaids" made us laugh so hard, we forgot about all those boring Oscar-bait movies.

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controversial to me about this list is that **"The Help"** didn't fare better than **"Midnight in Paris."** ● PH

▶ I can't argue with this list — except **"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2."** Can I then expect that when **"The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn: Part 2"** comes out next year, that it'll end up on the Best Films of 2012 list? I think you're letting sentimentality for the end of the series get in the way of evaluating which films actually had some outstanding artistic merit this year. ● HP

▶ I don't think you can expect **"Twilight"** on the Best of 2012 list because **"Harry Potter"** and "Twilight" aren't on the same wavelength. I think it was **Stephen King** who said, "'Harry Potter' is about confronting fears, finding inner strength and doing what is right in the face of adversity. 'Twilight' is about how important it is to have a boyfriend." But you're right: There could have been some improvements to "HP" (the aging of the characters at the end, for one). I think, like **"The Help,"** this is a case of "the book is always better." ● ME

▶ I don't think it's really a case of "the book was better" here — I've called out of work to finish **"Harry Potter"** books — but this isn't masterful, nuanced literature that shouldn't be touched. What I think people — a wide range of unlikely people who will probably never share anything again — respond to is their quiet, unassuming magic — and that's something the films just haven't been able to capture. ● MW

Film editor Heidi Patalano's Top 5

Heidi's thoughts: It's a pity that "Shame" won't get the awards it deserves. After only two films, director Steve McQueen has proven himself to be an auteur. His hyper-visual method of storytelling is a breath of fresh air. Steven Spielberg ("War Horse," "Tintin") may be great at what he does, but he's always putting out the same product.

1. "Shame" (dir. Steve McQueen)
2. "Melancholia" (dir. Lars von Trier)
3. "The Skin I Live In" (dir. Pedro Almodovar)
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Where to drink (and dig in) on New Year's Eve

Still don't know where you're celebrating? Well, your couch isn't going to cut it Here are a few suggestions on how to ring in 2012 for every taste

Alternative New Year's

Have you been there, done that with the usual New Year's scene? Say hello to 2012 with these unusual options.

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212-582-2112
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Rouge Tomate
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646-237-8977
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Lavish and luxurious celebrations

A new year brings new beginnings, so why not go glam with these options?

The Plaza Hotel
Fifth Avenue at Central Park
212-759-3000
www.theplaza.com
For $225, guests can celebrate within the private dining space at the swank Plaza Hotel Food Hall by Todd English with a raw bar, cheese boards, pasta tasting, prime rib, wild boar sliders and more.

Indochine
430 Lafayette St.
212-505-5111
www.indochinenyc.com
From 9 p.m. on, the luxe French Vietnamese spot Indochine offers an $130 prefixe with options such as glazed duck breast, Vietnamese bouillabaisse and seared filet mignon.

August
359 Bleecker St.
212-929-4774
www.augustny.com
From 7:30 p.m. on, enjoy an eight-course meal and wine pairing at August. The dinner includes caviar, fois gras, lobster, lamb, a champagne toast and more for $200.

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On a budget

If your 2012 resolution is to be more fiscally responsible, begin by partying at these fun and budget-friendly options:

Uva Wine Bar
1486 Second Ave.
212-472-4552
uvawinebar.com
Downtown not your scene? Stay in the Upper East Side at UVA for a $65 prix fixe Italian dinner featuring an appetizer, entree and dessert.

Mary Queen of Scots
115 Allen St.
212-460-0915
www.maryqueenofscotsnyc.com
If that trip abroad didn't pan out in 2011, pretend you're in Scotland at Mary Queen of Scots. Enjoy a traditional Scottish meal with a midnight countdown featuring a champagne toast and bagpiper, $65.

Pomme
3719 Broadway Ave., Astoria
718-545-4301
www.pommecafeny.com
The three-course prix fixe dinner ($55 for the 6:30 p.m. seating; $75 for 9:30 p.m.) at this Astoria spot includes beef carpaccio, lobster ravioli and tunes from DJ Angela Pandelis.

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www.hotelchantelle.com
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Bread and Tulips
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212-532-9100
www.breadandtulipsnyc.com
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Horoscope

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19**. If you find yourself badly in need of a small but urgent favor, go to someone you help all the time. Anyone of this ilk would be eager to do what he or she can for you.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** A rather big opportunity could come in a small package. Someone you know socially who is involved in a new enterprise might want to bring you in on the action.

♓ Pisces Feb. **20-March 20.** In order to have a chance for good results, don't broadcast your ambitious intentions. Take positive measures to accomplish your aims and speak only after your efforts are fulfilled.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Faith is based on believing in something about which little or no proof exists. The more faith you place in someone, the more you'll think that she or he will come through for you.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Although you aren't apt to seek out competitive situations, you aren't likely to dodge them either. Once you enter a race, however, you'll thoroughly enjoy the challenge.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** If you don't feel you are being weighed down by a difficult situation, the more open you'll be to suggestions on handling one. Someone will have the perfect solution for you.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Things will go more smoothly when implementing an important change if you handle any complications that arise one at a time. It'll reduce your chances of bungles and gaffes.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Because you'll enjoy testing your physical skills as well as your mental abilities, try to find and participate in a fun activity that would challenge both your muscles and your brainpower.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Be sure to dot every "i" and cross every "t," especially in a critical matter that you're attempting to finalize. All those small details can be of greater significance than usual.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** You're likely to be acutely aware of the shortcomings of others, but you should take strides to offer your insights in the form of constructive criticism, not put-downs.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** The possibilities for making personal gains look very good. Although many people might not consider yours a hefty haul, it could still be a significant amount to you.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** You'll be far better equipped to handle assignments of a mental nature than you will be attempting most physical tasks. Thus, delegate the grunt work while personally seeing to the matters that require the little gray cells.

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26 Military addr.
27 Urgent
30 Raring to go
33 Skylark maker
34 Boar's mate
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37 Meter reader
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SUDOKU **LEVEL: HARD**

Solution to last week's crossword

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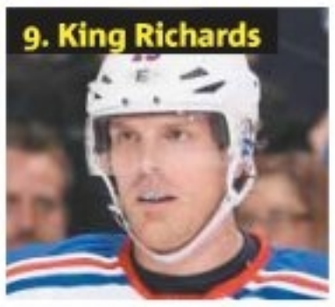
TOP 10 STORYLINES

Plenty of characters dominated the New York sports scene this past year ◗ A remaking of the local basketball teams was evident ◗ But it was a familiar star that led the list in '11

10. Lonely Island

Now what for Isles?
The future of the New York Islanders was dealt a major blow in August when Nassau County residents voted down a $400 million plan to build a new stadium. Owner Charles Wang says he'll keep the team in Long Island until their lease runs out on the Nassau Coliseum, but what happens after that?



9. King Richards

Power Rangers
It's amazing what nine years and $60 million will buy you. Rangers fans badly wanted a big-name free agent scorer this offseason. They got it in Brad Richards. Richards brought that ability to a Rangers team that is suddenly one of the best in the league. He scored points in his first five games and he hasn't let up since.

8. Kemba!!

A Bronx tale
Kemba Walker may only stand at (a generously listed) 6-foot-1, but he was the biggest figure in college basketball this season. The Bronx native put UConn on his back as he carried them to five wins in five days at the Big East tournament in Madison Square Garden, and then topped off his season with six more wins and a national title.

7. Believe

A LeGrand entrance
It's hard to believe the story of former Rutgers football player Eric LeGrand keeps getting better. The promising talent was paralyzed last October during a game, but hasn't let that stop him. He led the Rutgers football team onto the field Oct. 29 and his rehab keeps getting better. Oh, and he's started a football broadcast career as well.

6. Another record

The immortal Rivera
Granted we all knew the save record would eventually fall for Mariano Rivera, because he is, after all, a robot. But still, the Yankees' future Hall of Fame closer broke Trevor Hoffman's record of 601 saves with all of the humility you would expect of the 17-year veteran. Here's to a couple hundred more saves, Mo. He's inhuman.

5. D-Will

Across the river
As the Knicks were busy adding Carmelo Anthony, their pseudo-rivals across the Hudson made a major trade of their own. The Nets added All Star point guard Deron Williams to a club that will cross over Manhattan to Brooklyn next season. Now, they just need Williams to move with them.

4. Plax is back

From orange to green
Just when you thought the Jets couldn't sign anyone else to make some waves they brought in Plaxico Burress, recently released from prison. He has been nothing but a model citizen for the Jets. Oh, and he's played pretty well too. After starting out slow, he's helped transform the Jets' red-zone offense.

3. Mets finances

Got some spare change?
The Mets went from bad team to poor team in a season filled with financial woes. No Mets fan will be able to hear the name Bernie Madoff without groaning again. They weren't able to re-sign Jose Reyes, who went to Miami. They traded Carlos Beltran to the Giants. And they haven't done anything in the offseason.

2. Feeling 'Melo

Knicks go from burned by LeBron to adding Carmelo
A year ago at this time Knicks fans were wallowing in self pity as they looked to Miami and the Big 3. Now, they have a trio of their own. And world championship expectations to match. It's funny how much things can change in a year. In addition to trading for Carmelo Anthony, the Knicks just signed center Tyson Chandler to boost a horrific defense. Sure, they still need to find a point guard, but fans are too excited about the frontline to care. The lockout is over, the season has just gotten under way and no one can tell Knicks fans the title won't come through a newly renovated Madison Square Garden.

Quoted

"I don't think you could have scripted it any better. This one is already movie-ready."

YANKEES MANAGER JOE GIRARDI

1. Jeter hits 3,000 in style

You'd have a hard time finding a bigger sports figure in New York over the past two decades than Derek Jeter.

And so, when the Yankee captain broke the 3,000-hit milestone it's no surprise it blew up the tabloids in town.

He was already in the Hall of Fame, but the way in which he broke the record pumped him up to the No. 1 story in New York sports in 2011.

He hit a home run for No. 3,000, went 5-for-5 and turned a kid in the stands into a model for selfless fans. That got people talking.

Then again, all he needs to do that is have a one-night stand and give the girl some lovely, autographed parting gifts. METRO

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Good year, bad year

Packers
Did anything go wrong for the Packers this year?

Green Bay won their first Super Bowl since Brett Favre roamed Lambeau in 1997, Aaron Rodgers won AP Male Athlete of the Year (and likely will win the MVP) and they started the 2011 season 13-0.

Cavaliers
Frankly, the entire city of Cleveland belongs on this list. Perpetually.

We'll go predominantly with the team shunned by LeBron James and winners of 19 games though.

But bear in mind the Browns still stink and the Indians choked away a playoff spot.

Game of the Year

What do you call an 11-inning game, with five lead changes, six ties, 15 pitchers, a walk-off HR and a ninth-inning, game-tying triple? Call it Game 6 of the 2011 World Series.

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MLB. Epic game

▶ David Freese, center, literally had his jersey torn off after his 11th-inning, walk-off homer.

Sports year in pictures

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1 The sad story of Jerry Sandusky, **Joe Paterno** and Penn State dominated the end of 2011. The alleged crimes of Sandusky and the exit of a legend are unforgettable.

2 Was there anywhere in the country where **Tim Tebow** wasn't being debated endlessly? If so, please tell me where. I would like to go there. Immediately.

3 For a couple weeks in July the names **Hope Solo**, Abby Wambach and Alex Morgan resonated across the United States. The U.S. women's soccer team was all the rage.

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Novak Djokovic was 25-1 in Grand Slam matches this year. He won three titles. You don't know him, but you really should. Federer is so 2010.

Forget about a year-in-review column. Predictions are what you really want. Here are some sports predictions for 2012. I highly suggest you make a copy, and e-mail me in a mocking manner when none of them happen.

Derek Jeter will be linked to **Margot Robbie**, the actress from "Pan Am" (I'm bitter they cancelled that show). The Australian newspaper coverage will be exhaustive.

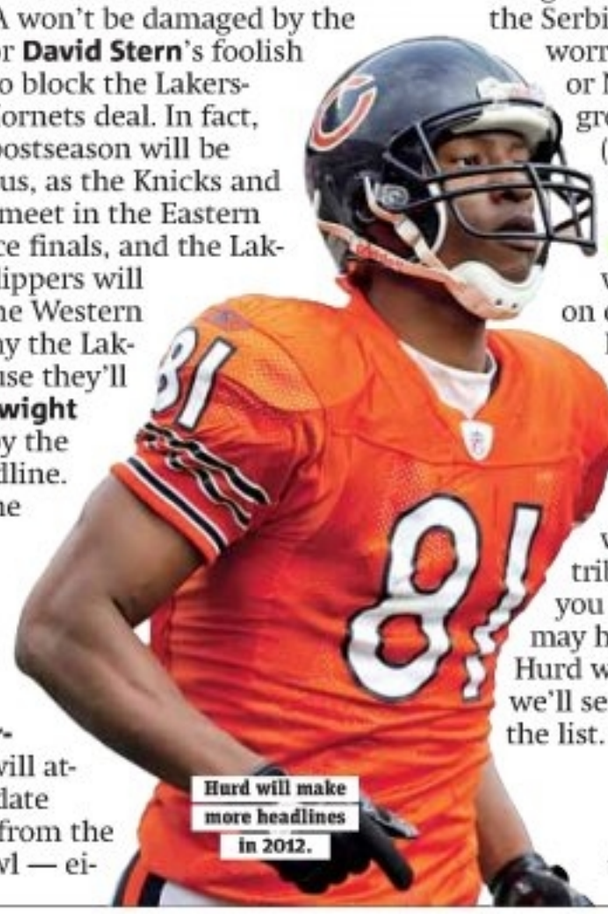
▶ An NFL player will get arrested in April. Taking a real chance there, I know. Fine, I'll be more specific: An NFC offensive player will be arrested in April.

▶ The NBA won't be damaged by the lockout, or **David Stern**'s foolish decision to block the Lakers-Rockets-Hornets deal. In fact, the NBA postseason will be tremendous, as the Knicks and Heat will meet in the Eastern Conference finals, and the Lakers and Clippers will meet in the Western finals. Why the Lakers? Because they'll acquire **Dwight Howard** by the trade deadline. I'll take the Heat over the Clippers in the NBA Finals.

▶ **Kim Kardashian** will attempt to date someone from the Super Bowl — either a Packers' player or a Patriot — but that will sputter and she'll move on to Hollywood's newest star, Dwight Howard.

▶ **Tiger Woods** will struggle in the first quarter of the year, fake an injury while doing poorly in a major and come out and admit he has no shot at breaking **Jack Nicklaus**' record of 18 majors. By summer, he'll throw in the towel on being "Good Tiger" and start dating the Playboy Playmate of the Year and become a fixture on the scene in Vegas.

▶ **Novak Djokovic**, who had one of the greatest years of tennis anyone has ever had (25-1 in Grand Slams, three Grand Slam titles) will win three more majors in 2012 and everyone will move off the **Roger Federer-Rafael Nadal** bandwagon and become obsessed with the Serbian funnyman. Don't worry, you won't miss Federer or Nadal, Djokovic does a great impression of both (not to mention Maria Sharapova).



Hurd will make more headlines in 2012.

▶ The biggest story of 2012 will be **Sam Hurd** snitching on everyone he dealt drugs. Hurd, if you missed the news, was arrested on federal charges last week for allegedly attempting to buy massive quantities of cocaine and marijuana, which he planned to distribute. Depending on whom you believe, the authorities may have a list of NFL players Hurd was in contact with. I think we'll see at least two All-Pros on the list.

*– **Jason Raj McIntyre** covers athletes off the field and runs the popular blog, The Big Lead.*

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MLB. Verlander

▶ Verlander was the first MVP pitcher since Dennis Eckersley won it in 1992.

The Athlete of the Year

When there is absolutely no question about you being the Cy Young, that's a pretty good year. But for Justin Verlander, well, he wasn't just the best pitcher in baseball. He was the best player. He took home the MVP for his 24-5, 2.40 ERA, 0.92 WHIP season.

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